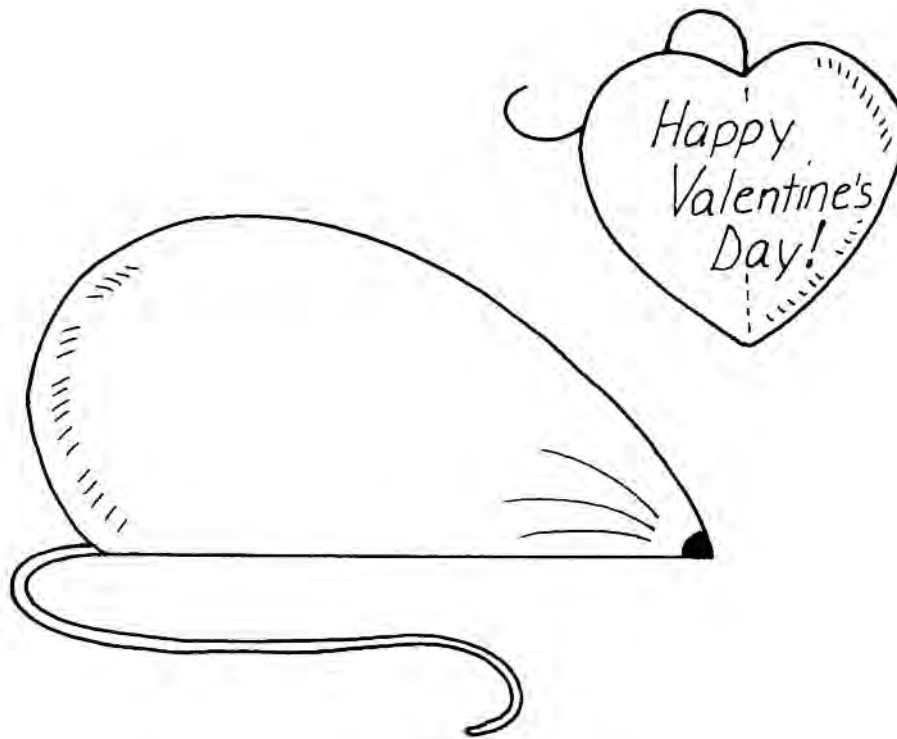


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## More to do

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**More art:** Design greeting cards with fingerprint mice.

**Snack:** Enjoy a snack of cheese cut in heart shapes.

## Related books

*Mouse Mess* by Linnea Riley

*Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch* by Eileen Spinelli

Carol Petrash, Reprinted from *Earthways*

## Chinese New Year Shindig

3+

### Materials

Red and gold paint

Styrofoam trays

Chopsticks

Sturdy white paper

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## What to do

1. Pour red paint and gold paint in large Styrofoam trays.
2. Give each child a chopstick with which to paint on sturdy white paper.
3. Encourage the children to use the chopstick in different ways, such as painting with the tip of the chopstick, or immersing the entire chopstick in the paint and laying it down or rolling it on the paper.

## More to do

**Snack:** Have a Chinese New Year Tea Party. Boil water and pour over tea bags in a clear container so that the children can see how the tea leaves release their flavor into the water. Add ice cubes to cool the tea for drinking. Serve fortune cookies.

## Related books

*Cleversticks* by Bernard Ashley

*D Is for Doufu: An Alphabet Book of Chinese Culture* by Maywan Shen Krach

*The Dancing Dragon* by Marcia K. Vaughan

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## Cookie Cutter Wrapping Paper 3+

### Materials

Tempera paint, a variety of colors  
Styrofoam meat trays  
Plastic cookie cutters in Christmas shapes  
Large sheets of white butcher paper  
Scotch tape  
Ribbon

### What to do

1. Pour just enough tempera paint in each tray to cover the bottom with a thin layer.
2. Place a few cookie cutters in each tray.
3. Provide each child with a piece of butcher paper.
4. Have the children print designs on the paper by dipping the cookie cutters in the paint and pressing them down on the paper. Suggest that the children print with their cookie cutter several times before returning it to the tray.
5. Encourage them to try printing with different cookie cutters and paint colors.